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Andropov's chaps not needed here

We have been amazed by the recent mass expulsion of Soviet diplomats, journalists and assorted embassy personnel who have been given their walking papers for spying on their host governments. The number itself (70 so far this year) is impressive, but so is the number of countries that have declared the Soviets persona non grata, which include Australia, Britain, Canada, West Germany, France and the United States.

We don't know how difficult it was for Yuri Andropov's former chums in the KGB to ferret out state secrets in any of those countries, except of course in the case of the United States. Based on information accumulated in the three weeks since we expelled three Soviet diplomats for undiplomatic behavior, it seems clear that Yuri's people could have remained in Moscow Center (as thriller writers have christened it), and better spent their rubles on subscriptions to The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

The day after the director of the FBI told reporters that his agents had "foiled attempts by three Soviet officials to obtain classified information from the United States government," William Casey, the director of our own KGB (read CIA), released his blueprint for combating the Soviet challenge (and gains) in the Third World. Obviously the contents of such a document would be of immense interest to foreign agents, especially Soviet agents.

The manner in which this document fell into Soviet hands (for the price of 40 cents) is enlightening. Instead of keeping the details of his seven-point plan to "Regroup to Check the Soviet Thrust" in a safe at CIA headquarters, Mr. Casey had them published on the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal.

About the same time the Soviets got this information, President Reagan described what The New York Times called the Doomsday Scenario to reporters traveling with him on Air Force One. The scenario was played out against three days of war games and centers on how the White House would respond to a nuclear attack on the United States. In this version, as recounted by the President, he stayed on in the White House and got "killed," while Vice President George Bush escaped in a Boeing 747 to run what was left of the nuclear war and the country from 40,000 feet over the Washington wasteland.

Now the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Sen. Daniel Moynihan, has charged the White House and senior administration officials of playing loose with national security information which was leaked to the press. Moynihan cites two stories this month in The New York Times—stories that foreign agents could have obtained for 60 cents, the price of

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